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For: TREATMENT OF DIABETES WITH THIAZOLIDINEDIONE,
INSULIN SECRETAGOGUE AND DIGUANIDE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.